SO 1.2 Increase the effectiveness and meaningfulness of client's activities, routines and choices to support individuals to become more actively engaged in learning and developing skills that lead to greater independence.

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Clarify the Problem

Habilitation are those services delivered by residential services providers intended to assist persons with developmental disabilities to acquire, retain and improve upon the self-help, socialization and adaptive skills necessary to reside successfully in home and community-based settings.

Individuals who are supported in an environment that is providing opportunities for stimulation, learning new skills, new experiences are moving toward greater independence. The plans for individuals living in Community Residential Programs and Residential Habilitation Centers (RHCs) currently do not consistently show measurable outcomes of habilitation supports.

Breakdown the Problem

Community Residential programs

- 77% of the sampled individual plans showed some activity but were not written with measurable objectives
- Individual Instructional Support Plans do not clearly identify that individuals are actively engaged
- The policy and requirements for habilitation were not clearly written prior to July 2015

Residential Habilitation Centers

- Attendant Counselors are multi-tasking
- Staff need more training in recognizing potential growth for individuals
- Due to 2008 budget cuts there are fewer staff available to implement programs
- There is no standard for monitoring tools and measurements used across four RHCs
- Lack of consistency in operational policies

Target Setting

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Identify Root Cause

Why don't plans consistently result in measurable outcomes?

Inconsistent training

Insufficient policy

Limited time to create and revise policy

Policy standards need to increase to match best practices

Reimbursement rates have not adjusted with increased service delivery expectations

No standardized training for expected tcomes in community residential programs and for active treatment at RHCs

No standard for monitoring implementation of active treatment and client outcomes

Inconsistent expectations for staff roles and responsibilities

Quality Assurance

No standardized quality oversight across the RHCs

No dedicated RHC Residential Quality
Assurance staff

Proposed Countermeasures

ID#	Root Cause	Proposed Countermeasures	Difficulty	Impact	
1	Limited time to create and revise policy	Dedicated resources to create and revise policy	Med	High	
2	Policy standards need more detail	Include required measurable habilitation goals	Med	High	
3	No standardized training	Develop standardized training	High	High	
4	No DDA standard for monitoring Community Residential Quality	Develop a Quality Assurance monitoring tool	Med	High	
5	Inconsistent expectations for staff roles and responsibilities	Clarify in policy and Quality Assurance staff roles and responsibilities	High	High	
6	No standardized quality oversight	No standardized quality oversight Develop standardized method of reporting QMT monitoring tool outcomes			
7	No dedicated Residential Quality Assurance staff	Develop consistent expectations for RHC QA committees	High	High	

Proposed Action

ID #	Strategy/ Approach	Task(s) to support strategy	Lead	Due	Expected Outcome
1	Dedicated resources	Create and revise policy	Sandi	7/1/15	
2	Include measurable habilitation goals		Miller		Increased habilitation support
3	Develop standardized training	Develop curriculum	Sandi Miller	8/1/15	Increased quality of individual's plan
4	Use standardized monitoring tool	Develop QA monitoring tool and clarify roles and responsibilities of QA staff	Shaw Seaman	8/1/15	Evidence of active habilitation
5	Clarify roles and responsibilities of Residential staff	Work with Superintendents to clarify roles and responsibilities	Larita Paulsen	9/1/15	Clarified roles and responsibilities of Residential staff
6	Develop standardized method for reporting QMT monitoring tool outcomes	Convene workgroup to develop tool, pilot and implement	Larita Paulsen	9/1/15	Monthly report
7	Develop consistence expectations for RHC QA Committee	Identify key metrics that RHCs will begin reporting	Larita Paulsen	9/1/15	Monthly report
		Write a standard operating procedure			Increased accountably for QA. Standard operating template.

Evaluate Results, Standardize, then Repeat

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Type of Status Report

Strategic Plan

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1	Limited time to create and revise policy	Dedicate resources	Create and revise policy	Sandi Miller	Completed	7/1/2015	Increased habilitation support	DDA Office of Policy & Programs, DDA Residential QA
2	Policy standards need to increase	Include measurable habilitation goals						Unit, Community Residential Providers
3	Writing training Writing training		Convene workgroup, finalize draft of curriculum, gather feedback, seek approval for credit, train the trainers, and publish final documents.	Sandi Miller	In progress	8/1/2015	Increased quality of individual's plan	Residential Program Specialists, Roads to Community Living Team and Resource Management
4	No DDA standard for monitoring Community Residential Quality	Use DDA standardized monitoring tool for Community Residential Quality	Review with QA teams and regional leadership, gather feedback, identify the QA Monitors, finalize and pilot the tool.	Shaw Seaman	In progress	8/1/2015	Evidence of active habilitation	DDA internal QA Teams, SOLA Administrators
5	Inconsistent expectations for staff roles and responsibilities	Clarify roles and responsibilities of Residential staff	Work with Superintendents to clarify roles and responsibilities	Larita Paulsen	In progress	8/1/2015	Clarified roles and responsibilities of Residential staff	RHC Superintendents
6	No standardized quality oversight	Develop standardized method for reporting QMT monitoring tool outcomes	Convene workgroup to develop tool, pilot and implement	Larita Paulsen	In progress	8/1/2015	Monthly report	DDA Regional and HQ staff
7	No dedicated Residential Quality Assurance staff	Develop consistence expectations for RHC QA Committee	Identify key metrics that RHCs will begin reporting	Larita Paulsen	In progress	8/1/2015	Monthly report	DDA RHC staff and Quality Management Team
			Write a standard operating procedure that governs focus of quality management related to active treatment.	Larita Paulsen	In progress		Increased accountably for QA. Standard operating template.	DDA RHC staff and Quality Management Team



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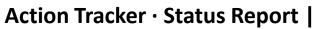
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	revise policy				Miller			support	Programs, DDA Residential
2	Policy standards need to	Include measurable							QA Unit, Community
	increase	habilitation goals							Residential Providers
3	A. No standardized IISP &	Develop standardized IISP	Convene workgroup, finalize draft of		Sandi	Completed	8/1/2015	Increased quality of	Residential Program
	Goal Writing training	and Goal Writing training	curriculum, gather feedback, seek		Miller			individual's plan	Specialists, Roads to
			approval for credit, train the trainers,						Community Living Team and
			and publish final documents.						Resource Management
	B. Providers not trained	Deliver training to	Goal of 75% of providers trained by		Sandi	In progress	3/31/2016	Increased quality of	Residential Program
	in IISP	residential providers	end of March. 85% by end of June.		Miller			individual's plan	Specialists, Roads to
			Sustained training of once/qtr after.						Community Living Team and
									Resource Management
4	No DDA standard for	Use DDA standardized	A. Review with QA teams and		Shaw	Completed	8/1/2015	Evidence of active	DDA internal QA Teams,
	monitoring Community	monitoring tool for	regional leadership, gather feedback,		Seaman			habilitation	SOLA Administrators
	Residential Quality	Community Residential Quality	identify the QA Monitors, finalize and						
	Quality		pilot the tool.						
			B. Residential Providers us the QA		Sandi	In progress	3/31/2016	Evidence of active	DDA internal QA Teams,
			tool to evaluate 6 per Quarter		Miller			habilitation	SOLA Administrators

	Strategic Plan 2015-2017		Q2	Q3	Q4	2016 Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	2017 Q1	Q2
	Identify individual health and welfare needs in a timely manner in order to support individuals to have healthy and active lives.										
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			B. Complete RHC QMS Plan		Larita Paulsen	In progress	3/31/2016	Clarified roles and responsibilities of Residential staff	RHC Superintendents, QMT, Exec Leaders
6	No standardized quality oversight Develop standardized method for reportion monitoring tool out		A. Convene workgroup to develop tool, pilot and implement		Larita Paulsen	Complete	8/1/2015	Monthly report	RHC Superintendents, QMT, Exec Leaders
			B. Develop a continuous improvement procedure towards quality.		Larita Paulsen	In progress	3/31/2016	Procedure implemented	RHC Superintendents, QMT, Exec Leaders
			C. Increase the number of MET outcomes		Larita Paulsen	In progress	3/31/2016	Positive MET outcomes increased to 50%	RHC Superintendents, QMT, Exec Leaders
7	7 No dedicated Residential Habilitation Center Quality Assurance staff	Develop consistence expectations for RHC QA Committee	A. Identify key metrics that RHCs will begin reporting		Larita Paulsen	In progress	3/31/2016	Monthly report	DDA RHC staff and Quality Management Team
			B. Draft a charter for the RHC QMS and QA cross-RHC Quality committee		Larita Paulsen	In progress		Increased accountably for QA. RHC QA Standardization.	DDA RHC staff and Quality Management Team, Exec Leaders

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